MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : (*a*) A recommendation has been made to the Government of India to impose prohibitive duties on cocoanuts, copra, cocoanut oil, coir yarn and coir fibre imported into British India.

(*b*) The Imperial Council of Agricultural Research has been moved for the constitution of an Indian Cocoanut Committee on the lines of the Indian Central Cotton Committee to further the interests of the cocoanut industry in India including Travancore.

Export duty on cocoanut products.

255 ***MR. K P. KRISHNA MENON** (*Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) what are the old and revised *ad valorem* values of 1,000 cocoanuts fixed by the Government for the purpose of levying duty :

(*b*) what were the respective market values of 1,000 cocoanuts at the time when the old and revised scales of value were fixed :

(*c*) whether any orders have been passed by the Government on the resolution passed by this House in the Edavam Session of 1109 for abolishing the export duty on cocoanut products ; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, whether a copy of the same could be placed on the table of the House ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : (*a*) No *ad valorem* value is fixed for the purpose of levying export duty on cocoanuts. The tariff value fixed for the purpose was Bh. Rs. 48 per 1,000 cocoanuts before 1-1-1100 and Bh. Rs. 30 per 1,000 cocoanuts since that date.

(*b*) At the time of fixing the old tariff rate, the market value of cocoanuts ranged between Bh. Rs. 18 and Bh. Rs, 20 per thousand. The market value ranged betwen Bh. Rs, 12 and Bh. Rs. 16 per one thousand cocoanuts at the time the current tariff rate was fixed.

(*c*) The tariff values of copra, cocoanuts, cocoanut oil and *punnac* have been reduced for the purpose of levy of export duty thereon.

(*d*) Government do not consider this necessary.

MR. K P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*) ; May I know from the Government the reasons for fixing the tariff value at Bh. Rs. 30 for 1,000 cocoanuts when the market value is less ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : The tariff value of cocoanut and copra is always fixed higher than the market value, for affording protection to the oil-mill industry in the State.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : In answer to part (*d*) "Government do not consider this necessary", may I know why the Government did not consider this necessary ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : Government did not consider it necessary. The reason is not a matter for discussion.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*) : May I know the reasons which actuated Government to consider this as unnecessary. May I know from the Government whether the tariff value is artificial or has any relation to the market price ?

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MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): It is slightly higher than the market value.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): What is meant by 'slightly'? What is the present rate of the cocoanuts?

MR. C O MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): It is to afford protection to the oil mill industry in the State? To that extent the tariff value is fixed high.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur cum Pattanapuram*): What is the present market value of cocoanuts?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): The market value of cocoanuts the day before yesterday at Alleppey was ranging between Rs. 27½ and Rs. 22 for thousand nuts with husks.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether the object of tariff on copra is to afford protection to the oil industry, only? Is that the object, the only object?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): I did not give such an answer. I only said that the tariff value is fixed slightly higher than the market value.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether there is any object in putting the tariff value a little higher than the market value?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): The tariff value is fixed slightly higher only with this object in view.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether the oil mills got down Ceylon copra and used them?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): No, Sir, the Travancore mills did not get down Ceylon copra this year.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): And whether Government did not fix any duty on copra?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): There was never a time when Government did not levy a duty on copra.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether there was any time in recent years when the Ceylon copra was used by the oil millers?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Yes in 1108. In 1109, only a small quantity was imported.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLI (*Quilon I*): May I know why that was made possible?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): I think, perhaps it was, because they did not get sufficient supply of copra at that time in Travancore and partly also on account of the favourable price in Ceylon. A concession was granted that oil and *punnac* crushed out of Ceylon copra would be permitted free export.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether it was one of the objects to give protection to the oil-mill industry? Whether Government had in view that the oil mills will be a permanent source for the consumption of Travancore copra; whether that consideration weighed with the Government?

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Mr. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): The oil mills consume a large quantity of copra.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether the market values are taken into account in fixing the revised tariff values for a definite period?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Of course, the revised tariff values are fixed according to market values.

MR. A. THANU PILLI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know the average tariff value on one thousand cocoanuts with the market value?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): The present tariff value was fixed from the 1st of Chingam.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum Rural*): I want to know about the average market value of one thousand cocoanuts?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): The average has not been calculated.

Sale of intoxicants in and about the temple premises.

256 *MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the sale of toddy, arrack, opium and ganja in and about the temple premises of the State during the festival occasions?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether the sale of toddy, arrack, opium and ganja in and about the Sarkara temple premises in Chirayinkil during the festival occasions is irregular?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have no information.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether it is not a fact that these intoxicants are sold in and about the temple premises throughout the State on festival occasions?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have no information.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether anybody brought to the notice of Government the fact of selling toddy, arrack, opium and ganja during the festival occasion at Sarkara temple?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, Sir.

Graduates recruited as Police Constables.

257 *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a certain number of graduates recruited as Fourth Grade Constables in the Police Department are even now continuing in the Fourth Grade;

(*b*) whether, when these persons were in service, direct recruitments to the Head Constable's post have been made and, if so, the names of persons so recruited, with their qualifications;;

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* *Vide* Appendix III.

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